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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11-17-01, 10-27-03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schoenberg et al., Patent #6,322,502, hereinafter Schoenberg.
3. With regard to claim 1, which teaches a network compatible configurable user interface system for displaying sequentially generated patient medical information and data together with a time indication for identifying a trend, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 32-43, column 4, line 5, and in figure 2A, a networked system for providing medical data in a time indicated form, with user changeable settings. With regard to claim 1, further teaching a display menu generator for generating, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-31, a displayed menu bar. With regard to claim 1, further teaching a single customizable menu enabling a user to select parameters for display in a first graphical format and in a second tabular format, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-43, and in figure 2A, a customizable menu for selecting parameters to be displayed in tabular and graphical views. With regard to claim 1, further teaching a menu containing a set of medical parameter labels representing a corresponding

plurality of available medical parameters, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 36-43, and in figure 2A, a menu allowing for selection of medical parameter labels. With regard to claim 1, further teaching parameter selection icons enabling user selection of parameters from the available medical parameters for display in graphical and tabular form and further displaying, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 36-43, and in figure 2A, selection of an parameter icon provides the graphical and tabular representation to be displayed, and further displays the selected parameter.

4. With regard to claim 2, which teaches incorporating selected parameters in first and second window areas of the customization menu, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 36-43, and in figure 2A, selection of an parameter icon provides the graphical and tabular representation to be displayed. With regard to claim 2, further teaching the display generator displaying parameter data associated with the first window in a graphical format and displaying parameter data associated with the second window in a tabular format, Schoenberg teaches, in column 6, lines 38-55 and in figure 2A, a display of the selected data in a graphical and tabular view.

5. With regard to claim 3, which teaches the customization menu enabling allocation of a plurality of different sets of selected parameters to a corresponding plurality of display categories, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-43, and in figure 2A and figure 2B, a customizable menu for selecting a plurality of parameters to be displayed in tabular and graphical views.

6. With regard to claim 4, which teaches the categories include at least two associated with medical categories, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-53, and

in figure 2A, the categories including homodynamic function, neurology, laboratory results, and other such medical measurements.

7. With regard to claim 5, which teaches the customization menu enabling display of at least one predetermined list of selected parameters associated with a particular display category, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 36-53, and in figure 2A, a list of specific parameters being displayed (DBP, SBP, and CVP) corresponding to VITAL SIGNS.

8. With regard to claim 15, which teaches a network compatible configurable user interface system for displaying sequentially generated patient medical information and data together with a time indication for identifying a trend, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 32-43, column 4, line 5, and in figure 2A, a networked system for providing medical data in a time indicated form, with user changeable settings. With regard to claim 15, further teaching a display menu generator for generating, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-31, a displayed menu bar. With regard to claim 15, further teaching a single customizable menu enabling a user to select parameters for display in a first graphical format and in a second tabular format, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-43, and in figure 2A, a customizable menu for selecting parameters to be displayed in tabular and graphical views. With regard to claim 15, further teaching a menu containing a set of medical parameter labels representing a corresponding plurality of available medical parameters, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 36-43, and in figure 2A, a menu allowing for selection of medical parameter labels. With regard to claim 15, further teaching a first and second

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window areas for displaying user selected parameters for displaying with associated parameter data in graphical and tabular format respectfully, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 36-43, and in figure 2A, selection of an parameter icon provides the graphical and tabular representation to be displayed. With regard to claim 15, further teaching parameter selection icons enabling user selection of parameters from the available medical parameters for display in graphical and tabular form and further displaying, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 36-43, and in figure 2A, selection of an parameter icon provides the graphical and tabular representation to be displayed, and further displays the selected parameter. With regard to claim 15, further teaching the display generator displaying parameter data associated with the first window in a graphical format and displaying parameter data associated with the second window in a tabular format, Schoenberg teaches, in column 6, lines 38-55 and in figure 2A, a display of the selected data in a graphical and tabular view.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 6, 7, 16, and 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schoenberg.

11. With regard to claims 6 and 16, which teach the customization menu further comprising placement selection icons for re-ordering display of selected parameters,

Schoenberg teaches, in figure 2A, a menu bar with two icons which both include a plus sign but have a line connected to it in opposite directions, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Schoenberg before him at the time the invention was made to realize that most tabular programs have a means of reordering entries based on some sort of least to greatest or greatest to least ordering. This is further usually done through the selection of such an icon.

12. With regard to claims 7 and 17, which teach the customization menu further comprising category selection icons for re-ordering display of available categories of medical parameters for user selection, Schoenberg teaches, in figure 2A, and 2B and column 7, lines 22-43, a menu bar with icons providing manipulation of the screen into multiple quadrants, where in the quadrants categories are listed in different order, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Schoenberg before him at the time the invention was made to realize that most tabular programs have a means of reordering entries/categories based on some sort of least to greatest or greatest to least ordering. This is further usually done through the selection of such an icon.

13. Claims 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schoenberg and Schwuttke et al., Patent #6,222,547, hereinafter Schwuttke.

14. With regard to claim 8, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 32-43, column 4, line 5, and in figure 2A, a networked system for providing medical data in a time indicated form, with user changeable settings; in column 7, lines 22-31, a displayed menu bar; in column 7, lines 22-43, and in figure 2A, a customizable menu for selecting

parameters to be displayed in tabular and graphical views; and in column 7, lines 36-43, and in figure 2A, selection of an parameter icon provides the graphical and tabular representation to be displayed, and further displays the selected parameter.

Schoenberg, however, doesn't specifically mention user selection of a set of default parameters. Schwuttke teaches a system for displaying medical parameters in both graphical and tabular views (see column 12, lines 14-25 and figure 2), but further teaches the user selectable default parameter set (see column 10, line 65 through column 11, line 9). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Schoenberg and Schwuttke before him at the time the invention was made to modify the medical information visualization system of Schoenberg to include the setting of default parameters as did Schwuttke. One would have been motivated to make such a combination because the setting of defaults provides a good starting point for collecting specific information on a machine that can be transferred between very different environments.

15. With regard to claim 9, which teaches a customization menu enabling user selection of a graphical or tabular display format for parameters of the default set, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-43, and in figure 2A, a customizable menu for selecting parameters to be displayed in tabular and graphical views.

16. With regard to claim 10, which teaches displaying a first subset of parameters of the default set in a graphical format and a second subset of parameters of the default set in a tabular format, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-43, and in figure 2A,

a customizable menu for selecting parameters to be displayed in tabular and further selecting parameters to be displayed in a graphical view.

17. With regard to claim 11, which teaches the customization menu enabling user definition of a plurality of default parameter sets, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-43, and in figure 2A, a customizable menu for selecting parameters to be displayed in tabular and graphical views, and Schwuttke further teaches, the user selectable default parameter set (see column 10, line 65 through column 11, line 9).

18. With regard to claim 12, which teaches the categories include at least two associated with medical categories, Schoenberg teaches, in column 7, lines 22-53, and in figure 2A, the categories including homodynamic function, neurology, laboratory results, and other such medical measurements.

19. With regard to claim 13, which teaches the customization menu further comprising placement selection icons for re-ordering display of selected parameters, Schoenberg teaches, in figure 2A, a menu bar with two icons which both include a plus sign but have a line connected to it in opposite directions, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Schoenberg before him at the time the invention was made to realize that most tabular programs have a means of reordering entries based on some sort of least to greatest or greatest to least ordering. This is further usually done through the selection of such an icon.

20. With regard to claim 14, which teaches the customization menu further comprising category selection icons for re-ordering display of available categories of medical parameters for user selection, Schoenberg teaches, in figure 2A, and 2B and

column 7, lines 22-43, a menu bar with icons providing manipulation of the screen into multiple quadrants, where in the quadrants categories are listed in different order, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Schoenberg before him at the time the invention was made to realize that most tabular programs have a means of reordering entries/categories based on some sort of least to greatest or greatest to least ordering. This is further usually done through the selection of such an icon.

Conclusion

21. The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(c) to consider these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach systems for selectively displaying parameters related to medical information in a tabular and graphical view.


22. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis G. Bonshock whose telephone number is (703) 305-4668. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

23. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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24. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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